From: Bowman, Liz
To: Gray, David; Coleman, Sam; Wagner, Kenneth; Kelly, Albert
Cc: Graham, Amy; Wilcox, Jahan; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal interview request
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 10:49:05 AM

Please send straight to the reporter and copy me and Amy and press box

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Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 11:22 AM
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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:27 AM
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This is fine with me

From: Gray, David
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Does anyone have this information?

From: Evans, Melanie [mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com]
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Wall Street Journal interview request

Hello Liz,

Can I find out what type of oversight or involvement the EPA has at Valero Partners Houston, which has reported a release of benzne from Harvey-related damage. What kind of air monitoring has the EPA conducted there and what has that monitoring determined?

Melanie

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On Mon, Sep 4, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Melanie – Let me see if a technical expert is available to talk with you. Thank you – Liz

From: Evans, Melanie [mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com]
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 1:04 PM
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Hello,

This is Melanie Evans at the Wall Street Journal. If someone's free in the next two hours, I am hoping to interview someone at the EPA about efforts to monitor air quality in Texas communities affected by Hurricane Harvey. I am pulling together a story about initial reports from companies to the TCEQ on air emissions events.

I am now in New York and can be reached at 212-416-3708.

Melanie

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